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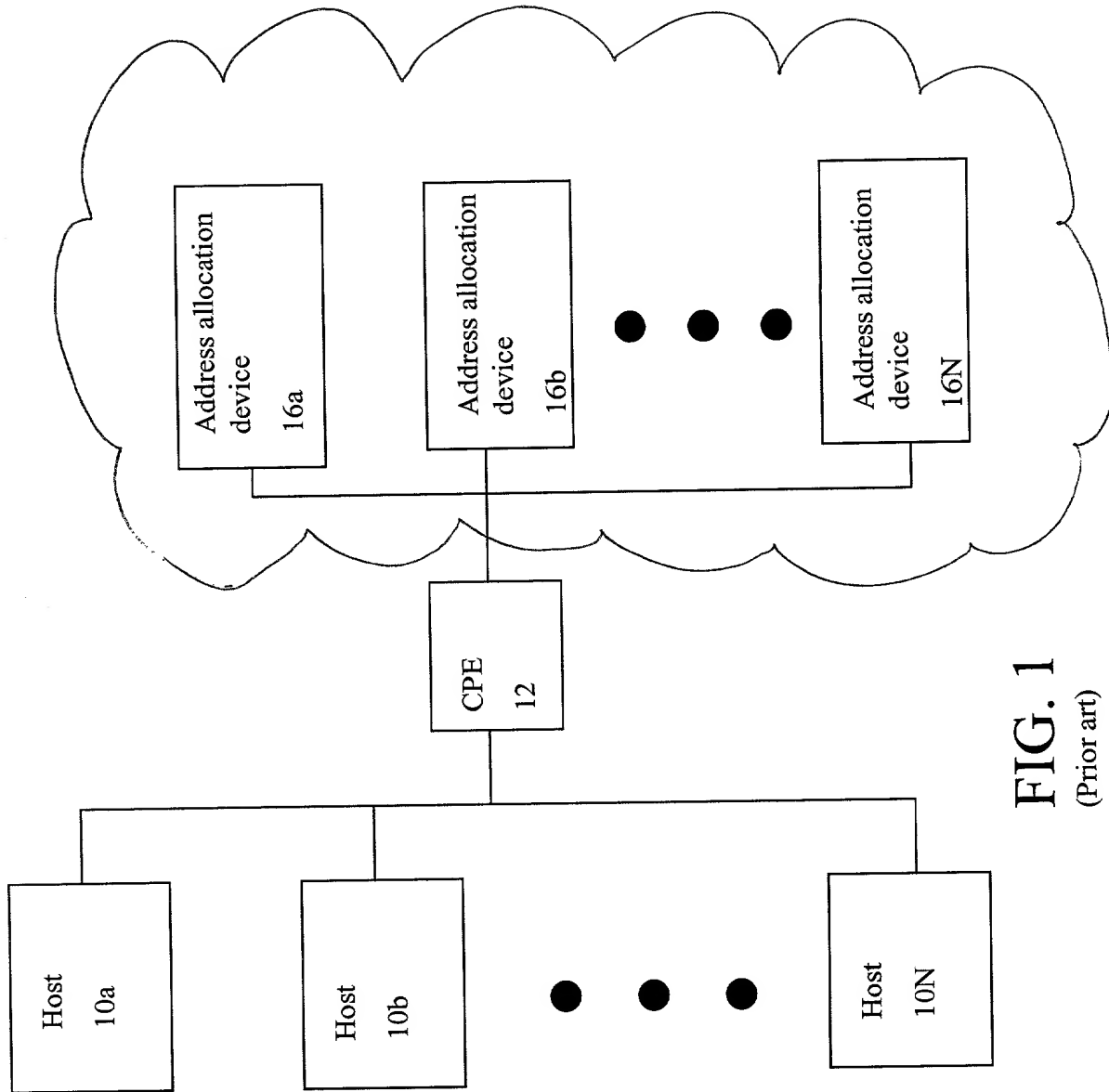


FIG. 1
(Prior art)

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op 20	htype	hlen	hops
xid			
secs	flags		
ciaddr 24			
yiaddr			
siaddr 22			
giaddr 26			
sname			
file			
options 18			

FIG. 2
(Prior art)

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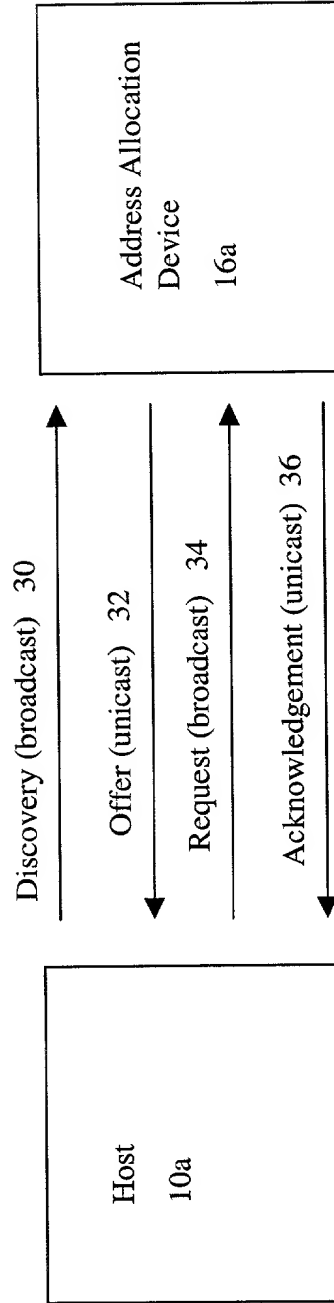


FIG. 3
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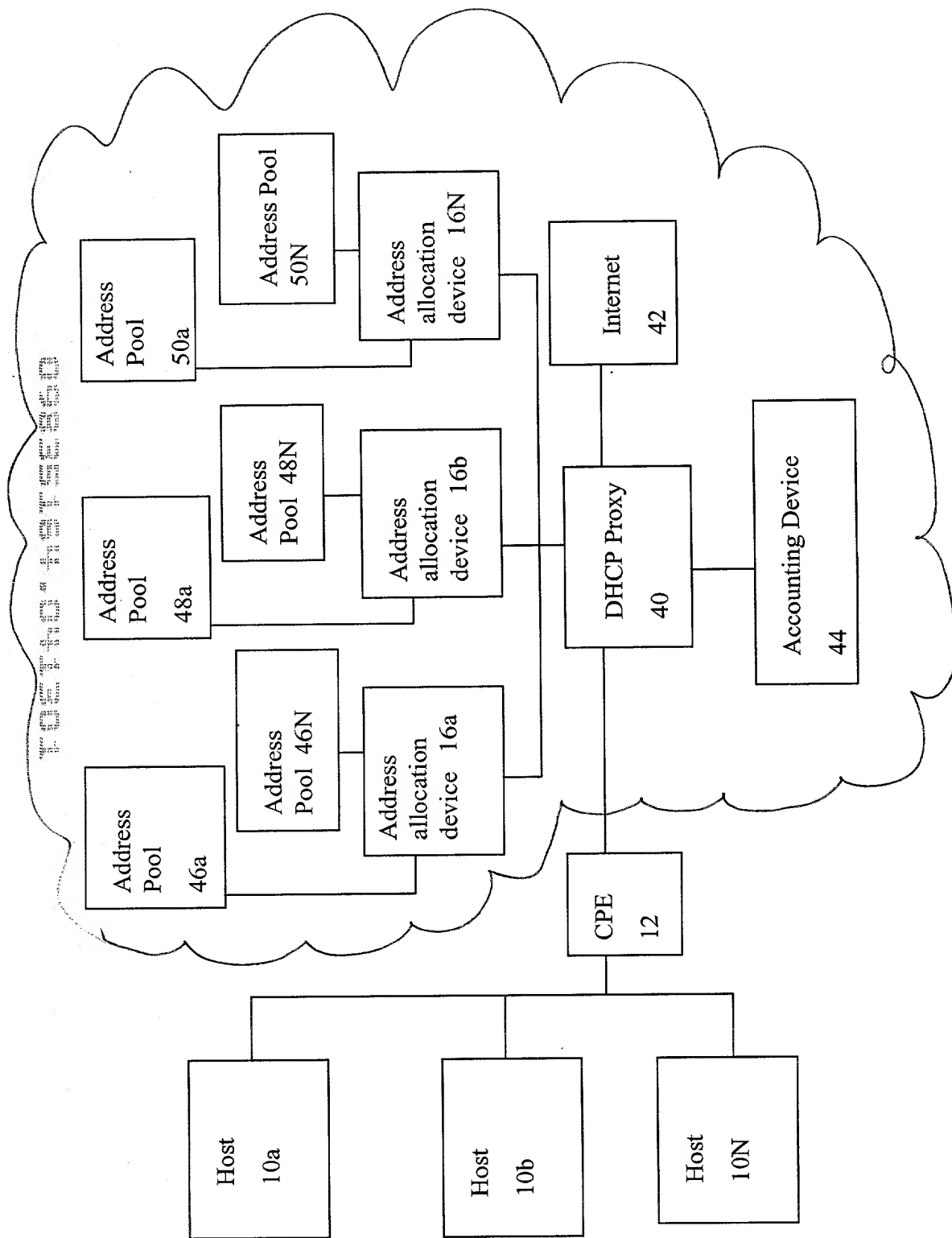


FIG. 4

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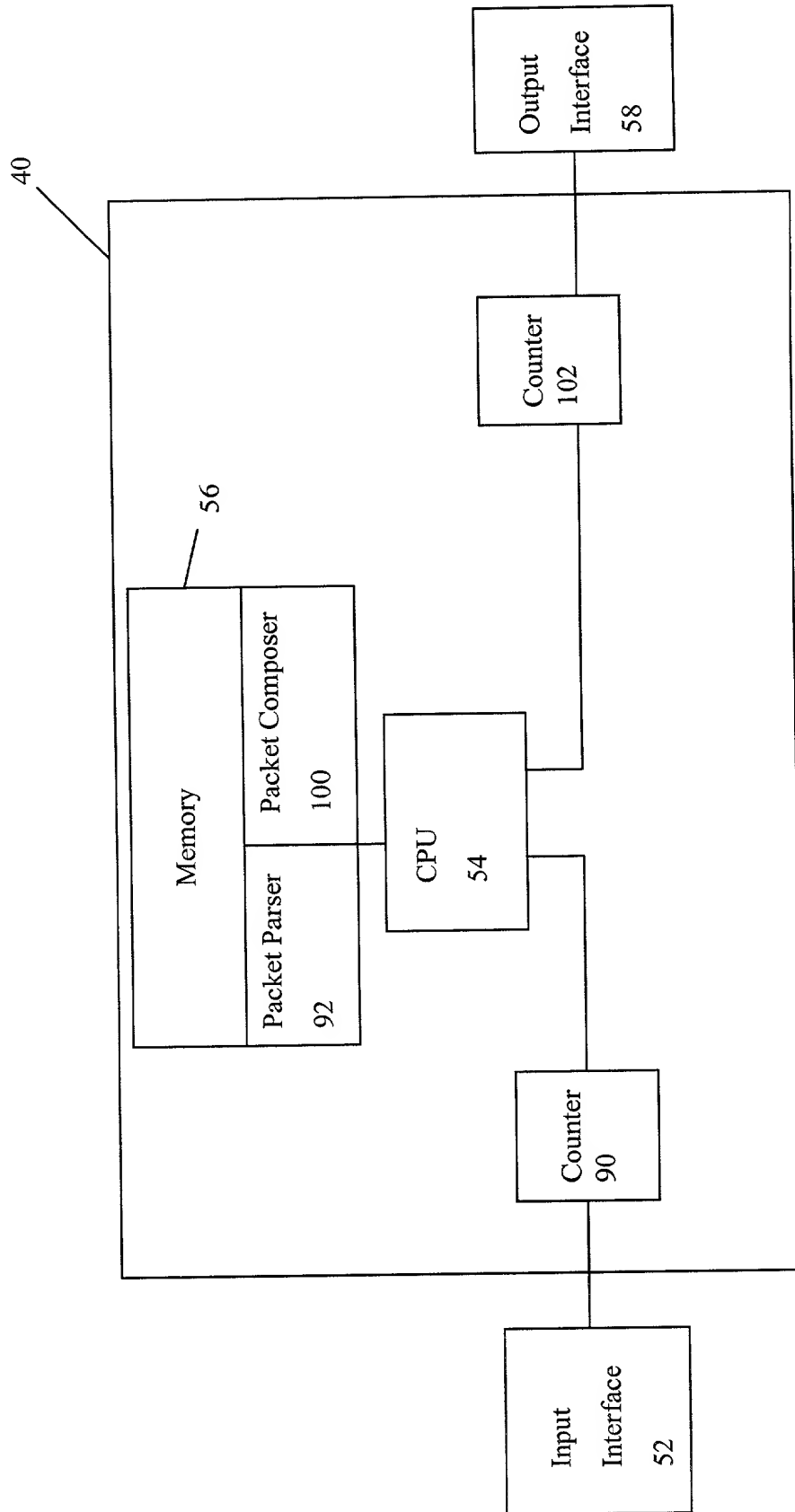


FIG. 5A

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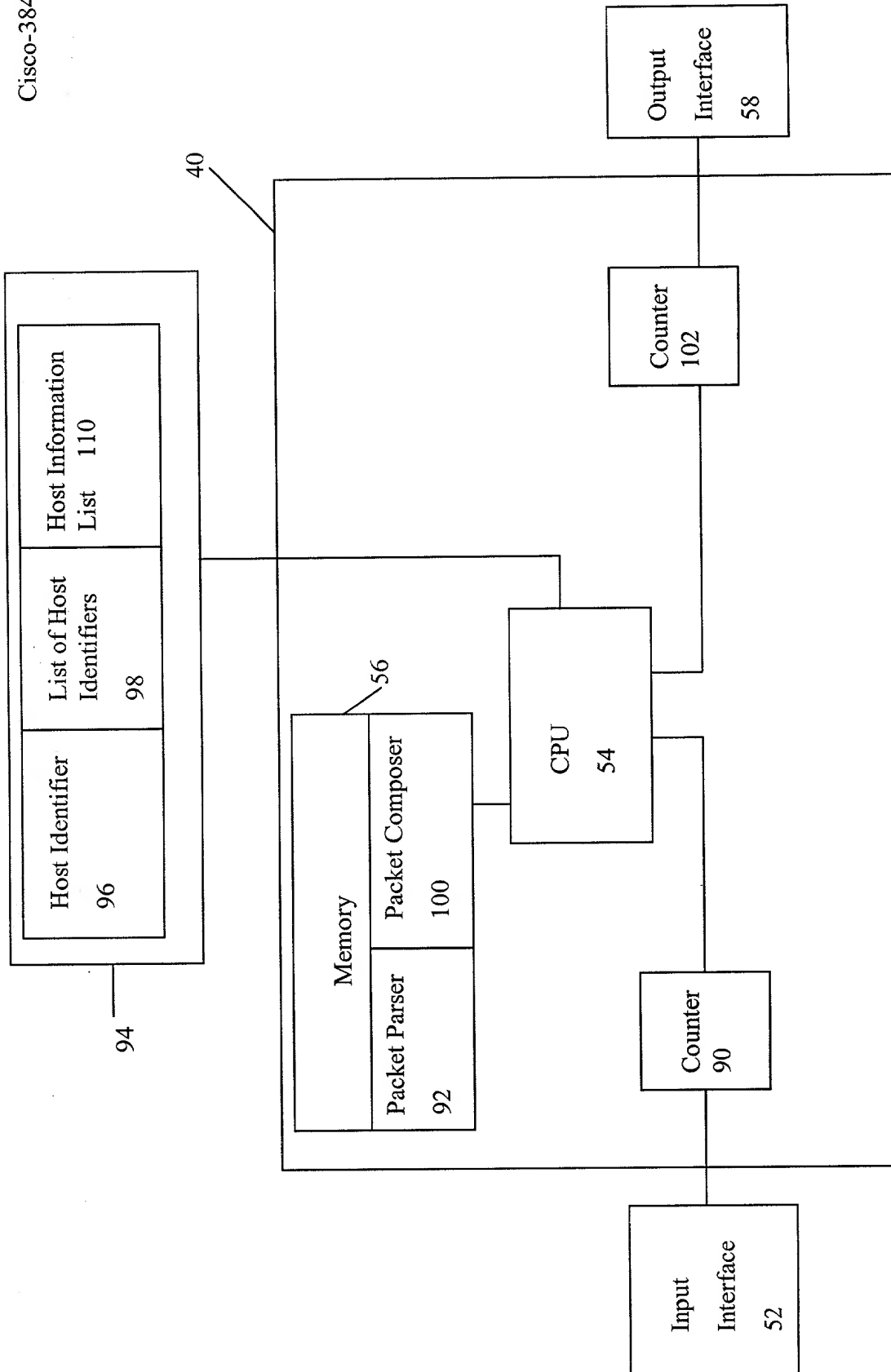


FIG. 5B

FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating a process for handling a data packet from a host. The process begins with receiving a data packet from a host (60), then retrieving the host identifier (62). The host identifier is then matched against a list of host identifiers (64). If a match is found, the state of authentication for the host is maintained (72), and the giaddr field is set to the DHCP proxy address (74). The Option 82 field in the options field of the data packet is then set (86), and the data packet is forwarded to the address allocation device (80). If no match is found, the data packet is dropped or returned to the host (66), and the state of unauthentication for the host is maintained (70). The process then receives a reply data packet from the address allocation device (82), sets the siaddr field to the DHCP proxy address (76), unflags Option 82 (88), and finally forwards the data packet to the host (84).

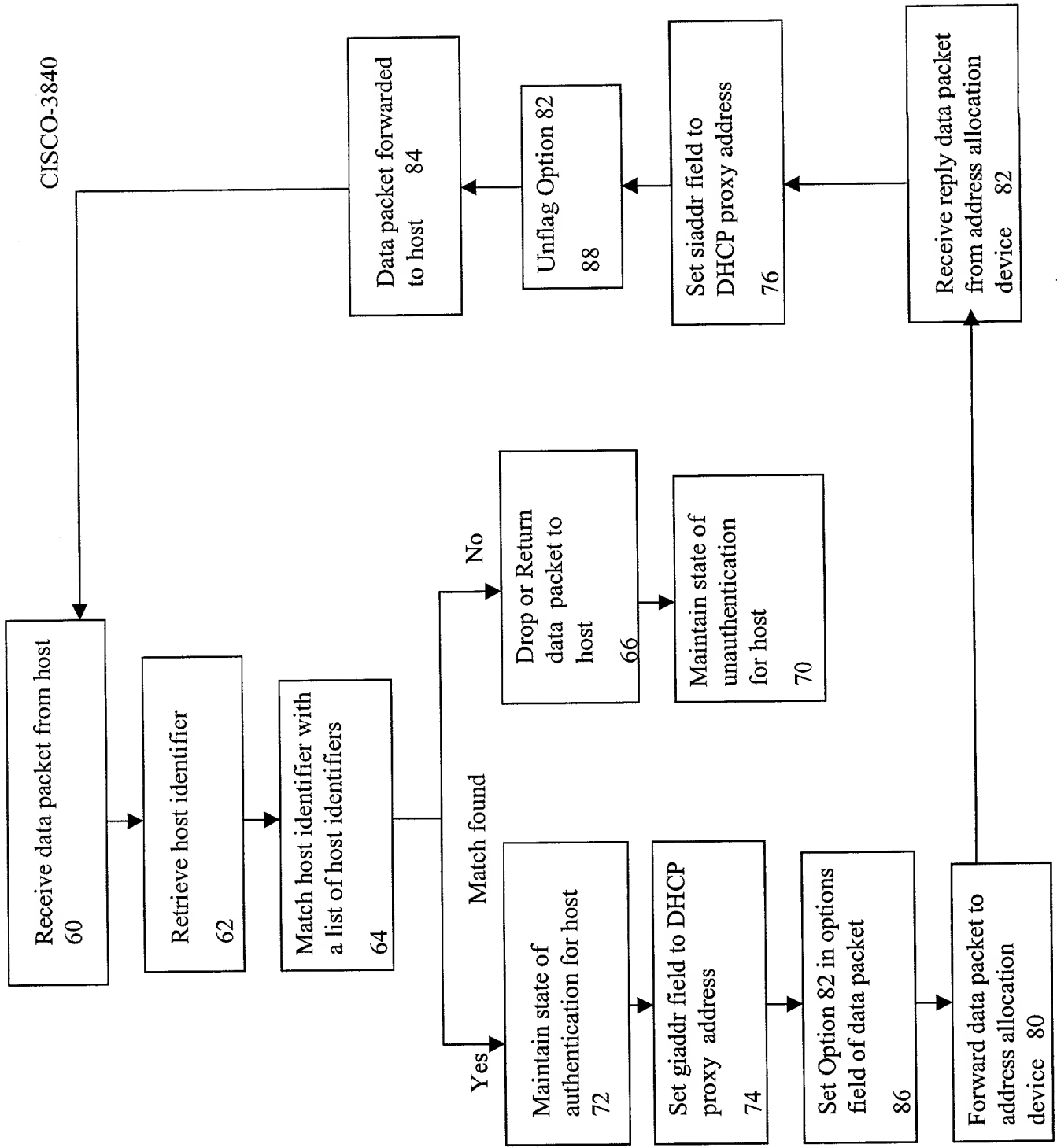


FIG. 6